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THE EIGHTH WONDER

Is the Remarkable Salt Lake in the Western Part of Socorro County.

A VERITABLE BOTTOMLESS PIT

The Water Is So Salt That a Person Cannot Sink in It

In a recent interview with a representative of the Albuquerque Morning Journal, County Surveyor Pitt Ross, of Bernalillo county spoke concerning the famous salt lake of western Socorro county as follows:

"I was out there not long since doing some surveying, and visited the place," said Mr. Ross. "It is well worth a trip clear out there to see. In the midst of this salt lake, several square miles in extent, rises up an ancient crater. The interior of this crater contains the bottomless well that is spoken of. The walls of the crater descend at an angle of about forty-five degrees, the soft, sliding lava formation making it exceedingly dangerous to approach the edge of the water. A single trail has been worn in the side of the crater, however, so that a person can get down to within a few feet of the water. The well is probably 200 by 60 feet. The surface of the pool being slightly elongated. Its depth is an unknown quantity."

Former President Herrick, of the University of New Mexico, told me that it had been sounded to a depth of 3,500 feet, with no sign of bottom, and there appears to be no doubt that it extends into the bowels of the earth. The cowboys and ranchmen say that many of them have spliced many hundred feet of rope and lowered into the pit without finding bottom.

"The water is fully as heavily salt laden as the water quoted in the Morning Journal sets forth. By actual analysis it is 26 per cent salt, and he can bear up a person so that he can not sink in it."

"Beside the crater another volcanic cone, coming to a sharp apex, juts up out of the salt lake. A curious feature is that within six feet of the edge of the lake there is a fresh water spring, which supplies the people of Salt Lake postoffice with their drinking water. The little town of Salt Lake is only a short distance from the crater."

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Sheriff Aniceto C. Abeytia is having some marked improvements made in the condition of the county jail. The woodwork is being repainted and the rooms on the second floor are being replastered where necessary and newly papered. Sheriff Abeytia will have a public and also a private office on the second floor of the building. The present arrangement did very well when the offices of sheriff and collector were combined in one, but now that the offices are filled by two different persons it is necessary for obvious reasons that the sheriff should have a room for his own use.

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ASKS FOR A DORMITORY

President R. P. Noble Goes Before the Finance Committee to Good Effect.

Concerning the appearance of President R. P. Noble of the School of Mines before the finance committee of the council and house, the Santa Fe New Mexican says:

Professor R. P. Noble, president of the faculty of the School of Mines at Socorro, was in the city Saturday and appeared before the Finance Committee of the Council and House urging the granting of the necessary appropriation for the support and maintenance of the school. His statements before the committee were exhaustive and convincing and it looks as if he did good. The educational institution of which he has charge is doing very satisfactory work this year. The preparatory department has been lopped off and there are now twenty-four students engaged in advanced college work. The great need of the institution is a dormitory and unless it can be supplied, it is bound to suffer. The number of students could be easily doubled were there a dormitory and could students live at a cheaper rate than they do now. The cost of renting rooms in town and defraying other expenses is somewhat too high for the average student. Were a dormitory erected at the School of Mines the cost of living would, therefore, be cheaper. Professor Noble pleads a small increase in the regular appropriation for maintenance and for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the erection of a dormitory and other necessary buildings."

Death of Phillip H. Kamm.

Last week's issue of the Chieftain contained a brief notice of the death of P. H. Kamm at Valley Falls, Kansas, where he went to attend the funeral of his wife December 28. The following is clipped from an obituary notice that appeared in the Farmer's Vindicator, a paper published in Valley Falls: "Phillip H. Kamm was born at Annapolis, Ohio, April 28th, 1847, and died in Valley Falls, Kan., Feb. 20th, 1907, aged 59 yrs. 9 months and 22 days. His early life was spent in Richmond, Ohio. At the age of 25 years he was united in marriage with Adaline Henderson at Steubenville, Ohio, where he was engaged in business until 1886, when with his family he came to Valley Falls. Since that time, Valley Falls has been his home. However for the past six or seven years he has spent most of his time in Colorado and New Mexico, as the climate of that country was better suited to his health."

A romantic marriage is reported from San Marcial. Glenn C. Potts, a young business man of the city, and Miss Mary L. Daly of Illinois were married after a courtship of only two weeks. It was a case of love at first sight. The bride had quarreled with her father, who is an official of the Illinois Central railroad. She went to Chicago, became a Harvey dining room girl, and was sent to San Marcial. Her marriage is the sequel. The irate father telegraphed to a special agent of the Santa Fe to have the girl sent home, but he was too late. Mrs. Potts says she is quite content to remain in New Mexico.

The sad announcement is made of the death of Mrs. Conrado A. Baca this morning at the family residence on Eaton avenue. Mrs. Baca suffered a long and painful illness which the loving care of husband and children failed to allay. The bereaved members of the family will have the heartfelt sympathy of a very large circle of relatives, friends, and acquaintances in Socorro and vicinity. The deceased was a daughter of Judge Shaw, a former highly respected citizen of Socorro, and was 41 years and 6 days of age. Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the family residence. Interment will take place from the church at Escondido.

Oats, oats, oats for sale at Geo. E. Cook's livery stable.

APPROPRIATION BILL

Passed by the House of Representatives Wednesday Carries Liberal Sums for the Support of the Various Territorial Institutions.—Several Riders Were Attached.

The general appropriation bill drawn by the finance committee of the house passed the house Wednesday by a vote of nineteen to five. Besides carrying liberal sums for the maintenance and support of the various territorial institutions, the bill gives several of them generous sums for permanent improvements. It also embodies several interesting riders. Following is a brief resume of the annual appropriation:

New Mexico School of Mines, \$15,000, and an additional \$2,000 transferred to its general maintenance fund from an appropriation made two years ago for printing geological reports.

Albuquerque university, \$20,000.

Normal school at Las Vegas, \$15,000.

Normal school at Silver City, \$15,000.

Military Institute at Roswell, \$16,000.

Insane asylum at Las Vegas, \$60,000.

Miners' Hospital at Raton, \$8,500, with an additional appropriation of \$5,000 for equipment.

The Blind asylum at Alamogordo, \$12,500.

Reform school at El Rito, \$5,000.

Deaf and dumb asylum at Santa Fe, \$7,500.

Orphans' home at Belen, \$4,500.

St. Vincent's sanitarium in Santa Fe, \$3,600, with an additional \$5,000 for a new building. Grant county hospital at Silver City, \$1,800.

Hospital at Deming, \$2,000.

Hospital at Carlsbad, \$1,800.

Orphans' home in Santa Fe, \$5,500.

Woman's Board of Trade, Santa Fe, \$1,000.

Relief Society of Las Vegas, \$3,000.

Hospital at Gallup, \$2,000.

St. Joseph's Sanitarium, Albuquerque, \$2,400.

Sisters of Loretto at Taos, \$1,800.

Sisters of Loretto of Mora, \$1,000.

Sisters of Loretto of Las Cruces, \$1,000.

The general maintenance fund of the penitentiary is placed at \$3,500, with the appropriation for salaries and employees the same as two years ago.

Under the head of special appropriations there is an item of \$10,000 for a territorial exhibit at the territorial fair at Albuquerque in 1907, and an item of \$20,000 for an electric light plant at the territorial penitentiary.

The bill provides for a bond issue of \$125,000 for permanent improvements at the various educational institutions. Of this sum, \$15,000 goes to the New Mexico School of Mines at Socorro, \$20,000 to the Military Institute at Roswell, \$10,000 each to the Normal Schools at Las Vegas and Silver City, \$35,000 to the Agricultural College at Las Cruces, and \$35,000 to the Albuquerque University.

There are several riders carried by this appropriation bill as follows: The district attorney bill, the coal oil bill, the immigration agent bill, the printing bill, the bill for highway improvement by convict labor, and the bill for a commission to revise the laws.

MR. BURSUM SUES FOR AN ACCOUNTING

Hon. H. O. Bursum has brought suit against the Territory of New Mexico for an accounting of his affairs as superintendent of the territorial penitentiary. This action is brought under the provisions of a law just enacted by the territorial legislature for the express purpose of making it possible for a territorial official whose accounts are in dispute to have the matter brought into the district court and settled at once. The papers in this case are now in the hands of Dougherty & Griffith, attorneys of this city. The defendant, the Territory of New Mexico, is cited through the attorney general to appear before Hon. Frank W. Parker, Judge of the Third Judicial District, at Las Cruces on Saturday, March 30, and show cause why the court should not take jurisdiction in the case and why the territory should not grant the accounting prayed for.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Elects Officers and Decides to Build Good Road to School of Mines.

The Socorro Improvement Association at its regular meeting last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. H. O. Bursum. Vice-President, Geo. E. Cook. Secretary, Mrs. E. K. Hilton. Treasurer, E. L. Price.

The next improvement that the association will undertake will be the building of a good road between the city and the School of Mines. This improvement is much needed, can be made at no great expense, and will command hearty support in the city.

This locality has experienced several pretty cool nights this week and, as usual, considerable fear is expressed that the fruit has been damaged. As the fruit crop invariably proves to be much better than is expected after such cool nights, however, it is probable that not much damage has yet been done to it this spring.

Two Good milch cows wanted. E. L. Eisenhart. Phone 24.

MINING COMPANY TROUBLE

Postoffice Department Issues Fraud Order Against Del Roy Company

A fraud order has been issued against the Del Roy Mining and Smelting company, incorporated under the laws of New Mexico, capitalized for \$2,500,000, and claiming to own property in the San Andreas mining district in eastern Socorro county. The officers of the company were, with one exception, residents of El Paso, Texas.

"The company claimed to own 1,157 acres of the richest copper property in the United States and sold its stock with the understanding that the land was clear and the money would be employed in the purchase of mining machinery. As a matter of fact, the company had little or no land and held options only on several claims which options were allowed to lapse, leaving them without any visible assets," so the postoffice officials declare.

Mrs. Homeston of Gould City, Michigan, arrived in Socorro Thursday to attend her son Earl, who has been here some time for his health.

Fresh vegetables at Winkler's

WANTED TO GO TO PRISON

Felix Gonzales Surrendered Himself, Was Refused, Secured Commitment Papers and Went Back.

Felix Gonzales, of Socorro, sentenced to a term of two years in the penitentiary on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and whose case, upon appeal, was decided in favor of the lower court, had some difficulty in getting into prison. As soon as he heard that the Supreme Court had affirmed the sentence of the lower court he went to the penitentiary near this city and said to Superintendent Trelford: "I have been sentenced for two years and I want to begin serving my sentence as soon as possible."

Superintendent Trelford was unable to accept the man as a prisoner because he had no commitment papers. When so informed, Gonzales left the prison and after an hour returned with his commitment papers duly signed and certified. He was then placed in a cell to begin serving a two-years' sentence.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

SCHOOL OF MINES REGENTS

Appointed by Governor Hagerman and Confirmed by Territorial Council Yesterday.

Governor Hagerman yesterday nominated a large number of members of boards of regents of territorial institutions, and the council of the territorial legislature confirmed the nominations. The governor's choice of regents for the School of Mines could not have been better, each regent chosen having already served some time in the capacity and given full satisfaction. They are as follows:

Aniceto C. Abeytia, of Socorro county, for the term ending September 2, 1907.

A. H. Hilton, of Socorro county, for the term ending September 3, 1910.

W. A. Fleming Jones, of Dona Ana county, for the term ending September 2, 1911.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS

According to Educational Bill They Must Possess High Educational Qualification.

The general education bill passed the lower house of the general assembly yesterday by a vote of eighteen to six after a hot debate over the clause providing for good educational qualification for county superintendent. These qualifications are, that a county school superintendent must be the holder of an unexpired first-grade certificate entitling him to teach in the territory of New Mexico and that he must have had actual experience in teaching under such certificate. In case there is no such person eligible in the county, the county commissioners are authorized to fill vacancies.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

Marriage licenses have recently been issued in the office of Probate Clerk E. H. Sweet to the following named persons:

S. C. Abeytia, aged 44 years, Aurelia Otero, aged 22 years, both of Socorro.

Apolinario Cordova, aged 31 years, of Carthage and Aurora Silva, aged 22 years, of San Pedro.

Blas Gutierrez, aged 22 years, and Alima Fajardo, aged 18 years, both of Valverde.

Primitivo Campos, aged 25 years, of Frisco, and Barbara Higgins, aged 26 years, of Socorro.

Santiago Soto, aged 41 years, and Delfina Lopez, aged 39 years, both of Cooney.

Severo Nunez, aged 21 years, and Esther Romero, aged 16 years, both of Kelly.

Eusebio Rubio, aged 50 years, and Daniela Gutierrez, aged 39 years, both of San Antonio.

Steve R. Brown, aged 19 years, and Eva Hendricks, aged 19 years, both of San Marcial.

W. H. Byerts returned to Socorro yesterday morning from a stay of several weeks in Los Angeles and at other points in southern California.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Last Few Days of the Session Prove to Be Very Busy Ones

IS TO ADJOURN WEDNESDAY

Many Important Bill Still Pending That Will Have to Be Disposed of.

It is expected that the session of the thirty-seventh legislative assembly will close next Wednesday. The closing days will be exceedingly busy ones, as many important bills, including the general appropriation bill, are still pending, and it is probable that an effort will be made to dispose of them. Following is a summary of action that has been taken this week on bills of special interest:

The council passed an act for the payment of the outstanding claims of judges and clerks of election.

A council bill provides for abolishing the office of territorial fish and game warden and for appointment of fish and game wardens by county commissioners.

The act for increasing the number of mounted policemen passed the council unanimously.

The Spiess anti-gambling bill passed the council by a unanimous vote. It is provided that the bill shall not take effect until January 1, 1908, the consideration being that many of the game keepers have paid their licenses for 1907 and have provided themselves with expensive fixtures and furniture.

The council passed the house resolution granting the old palace at Santa Fe to the general government.

The council passed its act to refund to territorial institutions monies expended in land locations.

On Wednesday Mr. Beach, chairman of the special joint committee to draft a new election law, reported such a law containing one hundred and seventy-one sections. The bill was made a special order for Monday morning.

Mr. Green, chairman of the house committee on public printing, reported favorably on an act to abolish the office of public printer. The report was adopted and the bill passed the house Wednesday by a viva voce vote. The house passed a bill providing that county commissioners may make a special levy if necessary for the support of jail prisoners.

An act to extend the time for killing turtle doves and quail passed the house.

The house passed twenty-three bills Wednesday.

The council passed a bill without discussion exempting religious, charitable and non-profit corporations from making annual reports.

The general appropriation bill passed by the house Tuesday was referred to the council finance committee Wednesday.

The three-cent fare bill passed the house by a vote of eighteen to three.

House bill number one hundred and three seeks to prevent expropriation on sidewalks.

Mr. Herrera introduced a bill in the house to regulate the rate of interest.

The bill providing for the registration of births and deaths passed the house.

A bill was introduced in the house to provide for an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary.

By a vote of seven to five the council refused to pass a bill preventing first cousins from marrying.

The proposed new election law was made a special order for Monday morning.

House joint memorial number nine provides that the president of the United States shall request the department of agriculture to investigate the Salton sea and if it is found that the sea produces additional rainfall and moisture in New Mexico, the sea shall be taken in charge and maintained and enlarged as a public benefit.